

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL OF THE FAR EASTUNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND OTHERS

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ABAKI, SAGAO AND OTHERS

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1. In the months of August and September, 1942, I was a Captain in the Australian Military Forces being QX 6134. I was attached to the 18th Infantry Brigade Headquarters, and took part in the fighting at Milne Bay during those months.
2. About 1st. or 2nd. September, 1942, at Waga Waga in Milne Bay we captured the Headquarters of a Japanese Marine Regiment. In clearing the jungle around these Headquarters for our own defensive position, I saw the bodies of two Australian soldiers who had been members of the 61st. Militia Battalion.
3. One of these bodies was lying on the ground with his hands tied together in front of him, and his trousers pulled down around his knees and tied down to his boots by his belt. He had the tops of his ears cut off, and about twenty knife or bayonet wound in the body. His hands were tied in front of his chest and his fore-arms were cut as though he had been trying to protect himself. His buttocks and genitals had been frightfully mutilated.
4. About six feet away from his body the other body was tied to a tree, with his hands behind his back. He had about six small wounds on the upper arm. The ground around the base of the tree was very disturbed as though he had been tied there for some days.
5. Both these bodies were not more than fifty yards from the Japanese Headquarters which had been captured.
6. On the track leading from Waga Waga to Lillih, I saw the body of another Australian soldier, with his hands tied behind his back, lying face downwards. He was tied with string. He had a wound on his leg, with a service field dressing on it, and he had the top of his head cut right off. The top portion of the skull was lying forward as if it had been cut right through with a heavy knife or sword, and had been chopped from the rear. He also had lacerations criss-crossing his back and shoulders. They appeared to be knife or sword wounds, and had cut right through the shirt in the flesh.
7. Between the villages of Waga Waga and Goroni, near a Japanese Wireless Station, I saw the body of a native woman pegged out on the ground. She was tied with twine from her wrists and

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8. Within a couple of days a Japanese soldier was captured at Ahloma. He spoke English, and I showed him the bodies of the two Australian soldiers whom I have previously mentioned. He told me that he was attached to the landing party, and that the ill-treatment and torturing of Australian troops was done by the orders of their officers so that the Japanese soldiers would fight and not surrender, because the same things would be done to them now that these atrocities had been committed on the Australians.

/s/ C. W. Kendall.

SWORN BEFORE ME AT)
BRISBANE ON THE)
23RD DAY OF AUGUST,)
1946.)

/s/ A. J. Mansfield
Judge of Supreme Court of Queensland.

